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GENERAL PLAN OF OPERATIONS

1. The general plan of operations is to seize immediate control of all vital centers throughout the country and isolate the Capital, within which lies the largest and most effective force under the control of the present government. Following isolation of the Capital all forces will move on the Capital in a concerted drive.
2. Scheme of Manouever.
  - (a) On D-Day those forces outside Guatemala will launch three (3) separate attacks across the southern land frontiers and, one (1) across the eastern sea frontier, of Guatemala.
  - (b) Simultaneously, those forces within the country will initiate operations designed to harass and immobilize government forces, disrupt communications, seize control of vital military and civilian centers and, carryout executive action against specific individuals.
  - (c) Those forces crossing the land frontiers will have as their objective the establishment of the line Jutiapa - El Progreso - Salama - Cobán. With the establishment of this line all forces will converge on the Capital.
  - (d) The force crossing the eastern sea frontier will have as its objective the capture of Puerto Barrios and the establishment of the main base of operations thereat. It will then move, by air, sea and equipment to the forces assembling in the Cobán area, and subsequently, to other forces throughout the country. Reference: Overlays in Appendix C.
3. Troop List, Army of Liberation.

<u>EXTERIOR FORCES</u>	<u>INTERIOR FORCES</u>	<u>SPECIAL GROUPS</u>
1. Force "XJ"	1. Force "J"	1. "A" Group
2. Force "XZ"	2. Force "Z"	2. "G" Group
3. Force "XR"	3. Force "B"	3. "K" Group
4. Force "XB"	4. Force "C"	4. "R" Group
5. Air Force, Tactical	5. Force "M"	5. "S" Group
6. Air Force, Transport	6. Force "Q"	
7. General Support Force	7. Force "G"	

## FORCE ORGANIZATION

### A. EXTERIOR FORCES

#### II. Force "XJ"

- (a) Mission. Cross the Salvador - Guatemalan frontier, proceed along the Pan-American Highway, capture the town of Asunción Mita, Guatemala. Detach a security detachment for Asunción Mita and continue to Jutiapa. There, join Force "J" and become part of that command.
- (b) Tactical Plan. Depart Force Base in San Salvador in sub-units. Re-group in the assembly area, near the frontier, not later than H-3 Hours. At H-Hour, in foot column, cross frontier at a point 1 to 2 miles west of the point where the Pan-American Highway enters Guatemala. Rendezvous with truck column near Pan-Am. Highway 2 to 3 miles in rear of frontier. As motorized column proceed to and capture Asunción Mita. Equipe local forces assembled and waiting there. Establish a security detachment for the town. Send a motorized detachment back to capture frontier post. Order forward motor column standing by in assembly area, El Salvador. Proceed to Jutiapa and report to CO Force "J".
- (b) Personnel. 0
- (1) On crossing frontier Force "XJ" will have 10 officers, 50 men.
- (2) In Asunción Mita Force "XJ" will take under its command an additional 300 officers and men.
- (3) Senior officers of Force "XJ" are;

Commanding Officer	<u>BAAL</u>
2nd in Command	<u>BARS</u>
3rd " "	<u>BATH</u>
4th " "	<u>BAZZ</u>

#### (c) Weapons requirements.

- (1) See table, Appendix A

(d) Equipment.

- (1) Trucks. In El Salvador prior to D-Day need 2 trucks  
In Asunción Mita on D-Day ... need 5 "  
Total 7

Note: At present, in El Salvador, the organization owns  
the following; 3 trucks of 7 tons each.  
1 bus, capacity, 30 persons, seated.

- (2) Other equipment. See table, Appendix A

(e) Financial requirements.

- (1) See table, Appendix A

(f) Base and Assembly area.

- (1) Base. Vicinity of San Salvador. Five (5) houses will be needed for men and equipment. Organization now has 3 houses.
- (2) Movement of arms and equipment will be carried out during the period D-30 through D-7. The General Support Force will be responsible for this movement.
- (2) Assembly area. Near Salvador - Guatemalan frontier 1 to 2 miles west of point Pan-American Highway enters Guatemala. Movement of men and equipment into assembly area will be completed during period H-8 Hours through H-3 Hours. CO of Force "XJ" will be responsible for this movement.

## 2. Force "XZ"

### (a) Mission and Tactical Plan

- (1) Mission. Cross the Honduras-Guatemalan frontier and capture the frontier post at Cumbre Alta. Continue into the interior and capture the town of Gualán and, thereat, cut the highway and railroad. Remain at Gualán to deny use of the highway or railroad to the enemy. Establish contact with Force "Z" at Zacapa. After contact, CO Force "XZ" will assume command of Force "Z" and Force "XZ".
- (2) Tactical Plan. Depart Force base near the village of Cescmil, Honduras at such time as to arrive in assembly area at H-8 hours, near village of Aldea Nueva, Honduras. At H-hr. cross frontier in foot column and proceed down road Cumbre Alta - Managua. Rendezvous with truck column; entruck, and move on Gualán. After occupying Gualán establish contact with Force "Z" at Zacapa. Prepare all bridges for demolition, send a force to occupy Los Amantes, be prepared to re-inforce Force "Z" if necessary, maintain area security.

### (b) Personnel.

- (1) On crossing the frontier Force "XZ" will have 10 officers and 100 men.
- (2) In the Gualán area the Force will be joined by an additional 20 officers and 200 men.
- (3) The senior officers of Force "XZ" are;

Commanding officer:	<u>CART</u>
2nd in Command	<u>CERL</u>
3rd in Command	<u>CULL</u>

### (c) Weapons requirements.

- (1) Total Force requirements, see table Appendix A
- (2) To be smuggled in prior to D-Day, see table A

(d) Equipment.

- (1) Trucks. In Gualan area will need 25 trucks. A survey of the area has been made and no trouble is anticipated in meeting this requirement.
- (2) Radios. Two (2) Walkie-Talkies.  
One (1) Command radio for contact with Puerto Barrios.
- (3) Other. 110 ammunition belts with water bottles.

(e) Financial requirements.

- (1) See table in Appendix A.

(f) Base and Assembly Area.

- (1) Base. Near village of Cecesmil, Honduras. Will use three (3) houses for equipments and key personnel. Cecesmil lies some 10 kilometers north of Copán. Copán is some 50 kilometers west of the town of Santa Rosa de Copán, Honduras.
- (2) Movement of arms and equipment into Base will be carried out during period D-12 through D-4. Movement will be by truck and mule. The General Support Force will be responsible for this movement.
- (2) Assembly Area. Near Aldea Nueva, Honduras. Movement into area from Base will be completed by H-8 hours. Equipment will be moved by mule and manpower. CO Force "XZ" will be responsible for movement. For report of aerial reconnaissance of area see Appendix B.

3. Force "XR"

(a) Mission. Cross the Honduran - Guatemalan frontier at a point due west of San Pedro Sula, Honduras, and capture the towns of Cacao, Eskimo, and Entre Rios, Guatemala. Occupy and secure Entre Rios. Establish contact with Puerto Barrios and become part of the command of Force "B".

(b) Tactical Plan. Depart Force Base near Quimistán and arrive in Assembly area at H-3 hours near village of Correderos. Cross frontier in foot column and proceed to occupy Entre Rios. Prepare demolition charges along railroad. Secure area and be prepared to support Force "B" at Puerto Barrios if necessary.

(b) Personnel.

(1) On crossing frontier Force "XR" will have 6 officers and 50 men.

(2) In the Entre Rios area it will be re-inforced with 4 officers and 100 men.

(3) The Senior officers of Force "XR" are;

Commanding Officer:	<u>DAHL</u>
2nd in Command	<u>DEPN</u>
3rd in Command	<u>DILL</u>
4th in Command	<u>DURL</u>

(c) Weapons requirements.

(1) Total Force requirements, see table, Appendix A

(d) Equipment requirements.

(1) Radios. 2 Walkie-Talkies.

(2) Other. 56 ammunition belts and water bottles.

(e) Financial requirements.

(1) See table, Appendix A

(f) Base and Assembly area.

(1) Base. Village of Quimistán, Honduras. This town is some 60 kilometers southwest of San Pedro Sula, Honduras. One house will be necessary for key personnel and equipment.

(2) Assembly Area. Near the village of Correderos, Honduras. This village is west and north of Quimistán. Movement into the area will be completed by H-8 hours. CO of Force "XR"

#### 4. Force "XB"

##### (a) Mission and Tactical Plan.

- (1) Mission. To capture and secure Puerto Barrios. To establish the main base of operations in Guatemala for the liberating army. To re-inforce with men and equipment the main bodies of the Interior, specifically those at Cobán and Esquintla. To move on the Capital via the Puerto Barrios - Guatemala City railline.
- (2) Tactical Plan. Attack and capture the City of Puerto Barrios by means of a water borne force based in ELTON and a fifth column, Force "B", within the city itself. Send 200 men and reserve equipment by airlift to Cobán. Send 200 men and reserve equipment to Esquintla by airlift. Move on the capital via the railroad taking under control all available forces en route.

Note: Should the railroad and its equipment not be serviceable movement will be by air to Zacapa, Progreso and other points, thence by truck.

##### (b) Personnel.

- (1) Force "XB" will have a water borne force of 25 officers and 200 men.
- (2) Force "XB" will be supported by a fifth column, Force "B" of <sup>20</sup>~~15~~ officers and 300 men.
- (3) Senior officers of the Force "XB" are;

Commanding Officer: ELBE  
2nd in Command ELLA

##### (c) Weapons requirements.

- (1) See table, Appendix A

##### (d) Equipment.

- (1) One (1) cargo vessel. Four (4) launches for use as assault craft.
- (2) Radios, Six (6) Walkie-Talkies.  
One (1) Command radio, 300 - 500 mile range.
- (3) Signal equipment. (visual) Twelve (12) Very pistols.
- (4) Other. 225 ammunition belts and water bottles.

(e) Financial requirements.

(1) See table, Appendix A

(f) Base and Assembly Area.

(1) Both in ELTON

5. Air Force, Tactical.

- (a) Mission. Attach and destroy enemy air force. Gain air supremacy over Capital; attack ground targets thereof.
- (b) Require four (4) fighter pilots. Note: Two (2) fighter pilots now in organization. Others available.
- (c) Equipment. Four (4) fighter type aircraft.
- (d) Base. In ELTON . During campaign, in Puerto Barrios.

6. Air Force, Transport.

- (a) Mission. To move personnel and equipment during operations.
- (b) Personnel. Six (6) pilots with transport experience. Note: Two (2) pilots now with organization. Others available.
- (c) Equipment. Six (6) transports, DC-3 type.
- (d) Base. In ELTON . During campaign in Puerto Barrios and other fields.

7. General Support Force.

- (a) Mission. To support all elements of the army in the planning, movement, and assembly of personnel and equipment. Responsible for the movement of all personnel and equipment to Force Bases. During combat operations, control use of transport aircraft.
- (b) Personnel. Present force is, and will continue to be, a special planning staff. Personnel requirements will be met by drawing on the several forces as necessary. It is presently under the direct command of RUFUS . A Force Commander will be appointed when appropriate to do so.

A. INTERIOR FORCES

1. Force "J"

(a) Mission and Tactical Plan.

- (1) Mission. Capture garrison at Jutiapa. Move on and occupy Cuilapa. Send detachment to occupy Jalapa. Establish contact with Force "C" and Force "B" in area of Progreso.
- (2) Tactical Plan. Capture Jutiapa. Await arrival of Force "XJ" After contact move on Cuilapa with main body. Send detachment of 200 men to occupy Jalapa and establish contact with other forces in Progreso area. Main body will re-group at Cuilapa and prepare for concerted drive on capital with other forces.

(b) Personnel.

- (1) Force "J" will have officers and men.
- (2) The combined Force "J" and "XJ" will be 50 officers and 600 men.
- (3) Senior officers of Force "J" are;

Commanding Officer FEHL

2nd in Command FOAR

(c) Weapons requirements.

- (1) See table, Appendix A

(2)

(d) Equipment requirements.

- (1) Radios. Two (2) Walkie-talkies.
- (2) Other. 60 ammunition belts and water bottles.

(e) Financial requirements.

- (1) See table, Appendix A

(f) Base and Assembly area.

- (1) Arms brought in prior to D-Day will be hidden throughout countryside. Distribution will be carried out a few hours before H-hour.

## 2. Force "Z"

### (a) Mission and Tattical Plan.

- (1) Mission. Capture and secure the city of Zacapa. Secure Highway and railroad from Los Amantes to El Progreso.
- (2) Tactical Plan. Capture the garrison at Zacapa. Prepare railroad and highways for demolitions. Establish contact with Force "XZ". Assume command of all forces in area Los Amantes Chiquimula - El Progreso. Re-inforce Force "B" in its movement on the Capital.

Note: After the several independent forces in the area are united the CO Force "XZ" will assume overall command.

### (b) Personnel.

- (1) Force "Z" will have 20 officers and 300 men.
- (2) Senior officer of Force "Z" is : SAUL

### (c) Weapons requirements.

- (1) See table, Appendix A

### (d) Equipment requirements.

- (1) None, except for trucks to be locally acquired.

### (e) Financial requirements.

- (1) None. CO Force "XZ" will have funds for this force.

### (f) Base and Assembly area.

- (1) Arms and equipment will be cached in and about Zacapa. Personnel will assemble at designated assembly points on orders from the CO.

### 3. Force "B"

#### (a) Mission and Tactical Plan.

- (1) Mission. To aid, through fifth column activity, Force "XB" in the capture of Puerto Barrios.
- (2) Tactical Plan. Capture or neutralize the local police and other civil forces. Support amphibious force by carrying out ~~MM~~ a land attack on the local garrison.

#### (b) Personnel.

- (1) Force "B" will have 20 officers and 300 men.
- (2) Commanding officer of Force "B" is: HART

#### (c) Weapons requirements.

- (1) See table, Appendix A

#### (d) Equipment requirement.

- (1) Radios. Two (2) command radios, range 300 - 500 miles.

#### (e) Financial requirements.

- (1) None. CO Force "XB" will have funds for this force.

#### (f) Base and Assembly area.

- (1) ~~Arms~~ and equipment will be cached in and about Puerto Barrios. Personnel will assemble at designated assembly points on orders from the CO.

4/ Force "C".

(a) Mission and Tactical Plan.

- (1) Mission. To capture garrisons at Cobán. Capture airfield. Move on Capital.
- (2) Tactical Plan. Capture a/o neutralize local police and other civil forces. Reduce local garrisons. Secure air field and establish perimeter defence to insure safe arrival of transport aircraft from Puerto Barrios and base in ELTON. Move on Capital via Salamá. Establish contact with other forces in El Progreso area.

(b) Personnel.

- (1) Force "C" will have 20 officers and 200 men.  
Commanding Officer Force "C" is ITIC
- (2) While force "C" is attacking the garrison some 1500 men will be assembling at the airfield, organizing and equipping for the movement on the Capital. The force will swell to over 2500 men as it nears the Capital.

Equipment

(c) ~~Weapons~~ requirements.

- (1) Trucks. 80 trucks at airfield. Note: The truck common to the Cobán area is a 10 ton, stake bodied vehicle.
- (2) No other.

(d) Weapons requirements.

- (1) See table, Appendix A

(e) Financial requirements.

- (1) None.

(f) Base and Assembly area.

- (1) Arms will be cached in and about Cobán. Personnel will assemble at designated points on orders from CO. Assembly area for the main body will be at the local airport.

5. Force "M"

(1) Mission and Tactical Plan.

- (a) Mission. To capture Mazatenango and Retalhuleu. Establish contact with Force "Q" at Quezaltenango.
- (b) Tactical Plan. Capture local garrisons. Secure area. Stand ready to support Quezaltenango or Esquintla if called upon.

(b) Personnel.

- (1) Force "M" will have 20 officers and 200 men.
- (2) Commanding officer Force "M" is JALL

(d) Weapons requirements.

- (1) See table, Appendix "A".

(e) Equipment requirements.

- (1) None.

(e) Financial requirements.

- (1) None.

(f) Base and Assembly area.

- (1) In the vicinity of Mazatenango. Men will assemble on orders from Commanding officer.

6. Force "Q"

(a) Mission and Tactical Plan.

- (1) Mission. Capture garrison in Quetzaltenango. Secure area.
- (2) Tactical Plan. Capture garrison in Quetzaltenango. Secure area. Stand ready to support of neighboring units as ordered. Prepare defensive positions around Quetzaltenango in event enemy forces start withdrawing from Capital towards Quetzaltenango.

Note: Reports have been received that present government has prepared plans for a withdrawal to Quetzaltenango in the event it is forced to leave Capital.

(b) Personnel.

- (1) Force "M" will have 40 officers and 400 men.
- (2) Commanding Officer Force "M" is KARP

(c) Weapons requirements.

- (1) See table, Appendix A

(d) Equipment requirements.

- (1) None.

(e) Financial requirements.

- (1) None.

(f) Base and Assembly area.

- (1) In the vicinity of Quetzaltenango. Arms will be cached prior to D-Day. Men will assemble on orders from Commanding Officer.

7. Force "G".

(a) Mission and Tactical Plan.

- (1) Mission. To harass, disrupt, and, in so far as possible, overwhelm the government forces in the Capital area, both civil and military. To join and support the main columns moving on the capital.
- (2) Tactical Plan. Through acts of sabotage, demolition, interruption of general services and public utilities to immobilize or place on the defensive the government forces in the Capital. To send out detachments to join the main columns moving on the Capital.

(b) Personnel.

- (1) Force "G" will have 2,000 men.
- (2) Commanding officer: LASH

(c) Weapons requirements.

- (1) See table, Appendix A

(d) Equipment requirements.

- (1) 600 ammunition belts and water bottles.

(e) Financial requirements.

- (1) None.

(f) Base and Assembly areas.

- (1) Arms will be cached in Capital area. Men will assemble on orders from Commanding Officer. Men to join main columns will assemble at designated points outside Capital.

C. Special Groups.

1. "A" Group. An organization of civilian pilots and aircraft which will support the army during combat operations. About 20 aircraft will be available. Commanding officer of the group is, MARL; 2nd in command, MAST; two assistants; MELL and MIFF.
2. "G" Group. Army personnel now on active service who will join army during combat. Liaison officers for each of these groups in contact with RUFUS are;

<u>NART</u>	in	<u>NASS</u>	<u>NIRE</u>	in	<u>NEED</u>
<u>NERT</u>	"	<u>NUFF</u>			
<u>neat</u>	"	<u>NULL</u>			
<u>NEKO</u>	"	<u>NUTZ</u>			
<u>NOUN</u>	"	<u>NUBB</u>			
<u>NIFT</u>	"	<u>NILE</u>			
<u>NEHR</u>	"	<u>NUFT</u>			

3. "K" Group. Consists of special teams, 5 men each, for assassination of key personnel. Commanding Officer, OPUS.
4. "R" Group. Radio teams.
5. "S" Group Sabotage teams. The following organization is commanded by QAKE. Personnel have been organized into teams based on their civilian employment and knowledge of targets. The Group organization in the Capital area is as follows;

<u>RAZZ</u>	in	<u>RAST</u>	<u>RELL</u>	in	<u>RIDE</u>
<u>RAFF</u>	"	<u>RESS</u>	<u>RIZZ</u>	"	<u>RUTT</u>
<u>RILL</u>	"	<u>REEL</u>			
<u>ROOT</u>	"	<u>RASP</u>			